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Caring for Gresley carriages on the Severn Valley Railway
The Railway Station, Bewdley, Worcestershire, DY12 1DP

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COUNTRYFILE AWARD



Thanks to strong voting support from our friends, the SVR has been declared 'Heritage Site of the Year' in the BBC Countryfile Awards 2014/15 against stiff competition. The short list was chosen by BBC presenter Jules Hudson, a life-long history presenter. When visiting the SVR (LNER Newsletter 35) he praised the SVR's Heritage Skills Training Academy being funded by our SVR Charitable Trust. The winners will feature in the Magazine's May issue, likely to be on sale from about the middle of April.

BRAKE THIRD PROJECT

This project continues to make progress. The compartment/corridor sliding doors have been hung on newly designed runners made especially for us by Chambrelan UK of Wolverhampton – another example of our support for local manufacturers (see: <http://www.chambrelan.co.uk/EN/home.html>).

The need for new runners arose because the original design – probably dating back to the nineteenth century – has brought problems. The old ones are too short to provide support for the full length of the door movement. Over time the doors' weight causes them to drop leading to wear and damage to the floor runners. The illustrations (left) show the 'old' and 'new' contrasts and the improved support gained over the full length of the new runner. Not an item found in the Amazon or B&Q catalogues – another example of the specialist (and costly) approach needed to modern carriage restoration.

A further expense has been the specially made glazing for the sliding door droplights – picture below left. These have to be strengthened glass and especially etched '3RD'.

The WC cistern has had a further leak test, which it passed with flying colours. Next, the WC flooring will be laid so that fitting out can be completed. Various fittings have been varnished; the pictures (right) show the restored cupboard that goes under the wash basin and a newly made roof access box in the vestibule.

New step-boards:

The Brake Third's appearance has been much enhanced by fitting the step-boards – see adjoining pictures of Mike C routing the curved edges, Rich G painting, and the result.



Door repairs: Work is in hand repairing and rebuilding the damaged doors that fit at the corridor connection ends of the vehicle. These are a challenge for a good carpenter, but we know 'a man who can'!



BRAKE THIRD - MECHANICAL OVERHAUL

Later in the year we should be able to send the Brake Third to Kidderminster for its mechanical overhaul, an essential step in preparing the carriage for its SVR public service. At Kidderminster the vehicle will also be revarnished – its six coats (at least) are already showing signs of weathering from exposure to the elements at Bewdley. The carriage's lining out and other external decorative features will be added. The cost will no doubt be fairly daunting as it will involve paid time work by the SVR's Carriage and Wagon professionals. So please don't forget us if you'd like to ride with us in the completed carriage! Meanwhile work will continue at Bewdley on the many detailed parts that can be fitted when ready, eg the pigeon basket shelves (.... still eight of these available for sponsorship at £40 each!)

BRAKE THIRD - SPONSORSHIP

The flow of sponsorship donations has improved a little. But we do need much more of your continuing support if we are to raise the five figure sum still required to complete the project. We have had a couple of promises for the coming financial year, and we have at last received sponsorship for the remaining bogie parts that had to be specially made (Newsletters 37 & 38).

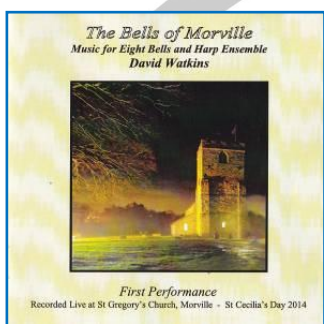
Thank you to all those concerned.

But many interior parts remain to be sponsored.



LNKITCHEN COMPOSITE 7960

This carriage has now moved into Kidderminster Carriage & Wagon for completion of its kitchen equipment and revarnishing. It should be looking great when it will be on show next month to our royal visitor, Princess Anne, in the SVR's Golden Jubilee year.



THE BELLS OF MORVILLE		
St Cecilia's Day Concert		
St Gregory's Church, Morville, November 2014		
with David Watkins, Michael Bochmann and Jane Leslie MacKenzie		
1	The Bells of Morville - David Watkins	12:15
2	Piata Signare - Stradella	6:11
3	Allegro - John Parry	2:33
4	Ave Maria - Bach/Gounod	4:53
5	Siciliano & Allegro - Bach	3:58
6	Abendempfindung - Mozart	5:12
7	Voi che sapete - Mozart	2:50
8	Meditation from Thaïs - Massenet	5:44
9	Two Welsh Folk Songs - arr David Watkins	3:07
10	Country Gardens - arr Michael Bochmann	2:10
11	Still Still Still - arr Adrian Cleaton	3:01
12	Silent Night - arr David Watkins	3:10
13	Allegro moderato - C F Abel	2:57
14	Bells ringing down	4:53
TOTAL TIME 63:50		
Recording: Adrian Cleaton & Paul Austin-Taylor		

MORVILLE HARP CONCERT CD

Those fortunate to be present at the impressive November 'BELLS OF MORVILLE' concert may wish to know that the music from the concert is now available on an excellent CD from Creighton Collections, Cardiff.

The cost is £12.00 + P&P.

The link below is to David Watkins' website where short streams can be heard. Click on 'Creighton's Collections' to go to the distributors' website to order copies of the CD.

http://www.davidwatkins.info/Pages/recordings/CD_The_Bells_of_Morville.html

(Lack of space means a rather special picture has been held over for a future edition)

LNK Carriage Group

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LNK (SVR) Coach Fund

Websites with information about the Teak Train and current developments can be found at:

<http://www.svrtrust.org.uk> <http://www.lnksvrcoachfund.org.uk/> <http://lner.svr-rollingstocktrust.org.uk/>

Either of the second or third addresses takes you to a shared website covering all aspects of the SVR teak train.

••• Support the Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust (Charity 1092723) for free when shopping online with over 500 popular retailers including Amazon, Next, M&S, John Lewis and many more that make donations to our Charity when you buy through this site:

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/svrct>

••• For a similar free benefit to the SVR Charitable Trust use the 'easysearch' search engine earning a halfpenny for each search, now regularly producing more than £1 per week

<http://svrct.easysearch.org.uk/>